NATIONAL SAHABAH JALSA 1440/2019

GUIDELINES

Respected Shaikh/Moulana/Mufti Sahib *Daamat Barakatuhum*:

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh

We hope this letter finds you in the best of health both Spiritually and physically.

Al Farouk Institute Africa would like to express its heartfelt gratitude to you for availing yourself to speak at the National Sahabah *radiyallahu anhum* Jalsa 1440. May Allah Ta'ala accept your efforts and grant you full reward for your sacrifices.

Below are a few guidelines and requests from Al Farouk Institute for the respected speakers:

1) The objectives of these Jalsas are twofold:

a) To promote and defend the Honour and Status of the Noble Sahabah *radiyallahu anhum*.

b) To clarify misunderstandings & fabrications, refute allegations and give the correct perspective of those incidents regarding the Noble Sahabah*radiyallahu anhum* which are contentious between Muslims and Shias.

   We have found that highlighting the *fada'il* (virtues) of the Noble Sahabah *radiyallahu anhum* is not sufficient. While promoting their virtues is of paramount importance, equally important is the need to pre-empt the various false accusations, distortions and fabrications which the Shia level against the Noble Sahabah *radiyallahu anhum*, mostly in an indirect manner and directly if need be. Failing to do so will leave our task half done with no guarantee that the masses will be saved from the false propaganda of the Shias.

2) The topic of the Jalsa should be strictly adhered to. Complaints have been received from venues of speakers discussing issues that are unrelated to the topic of the Jalsas.

3) Speakers are requested to abstain from expressing their personal views to the public which may be in conflict with the views of other Ulama.
4) Speakers are requested not to exceed the time duration of 1 hour (for the night and ladies program). Jumu'ah lectures should be strictly in accordance to the time given by the Imam or responsible person of the venue where the program will be taking place as the Jumu'ah lecture duration differs from place to place.
5) Speakers should totally honour commitments made for Jalsas. Previously, a few Jumu'ah talks did not take place in certain areas because speakers chose not to go at the 11th hour and, to make things worse, they did not inform anyone so that alternative arrangements could be made. This is an absolute breach of trust.
6) If for some valid reason, a speaker is unable to fulfill his commitment made, he should contact Al Farouk Institute in this regard. One should not make arrangements for a replacement without the knowledge or permission of Al Farouk Institute.
7) While, as stated in #1 above, one of the objectives of the Jalsas is to refute the accusations of the Shias, however speakers are not obliged to make mention of the words Shia or Shiism. This is upto the speaker. Some address the issues more directly while others achieve the objective without making mention of Shias and Shiism. Each speaker to handle each situation with *hikmah* (wisdom).
8) Speakers are requested to liaise with the Imam or responsible person at the venue beforehand. This will assist in making the necessary arrangements as well as getting an understanding of what type of audience to expect.
9) Speakers are requested to emphasize the following points in the main program:

a) The high regard that the Ahlus Sunnah have for Sayyiduna Ali & Sayyidah Fatimah *radiyallahu anhuma*.
b) The trust, unity and brotherhood between Sayyiduna Ali *radiyallahu anhu* and the rest of the Sahabah *radiyallahu anhum*, in particular the three Khulafa.

10) Lastly, by volunteering or accepting to speak at the Jalsas, we have taken on an *amanah* (trust) and should thus, taking into consideration the efforts, sacrifices and costs involved in arranging these programs, strive to the best of our ability to fulfill this responsibility.

May Allah ta'ala accept the efforts and contributions of all those involved in this noble effort of defending the honour of the noble Sahabah *radiyallahu anhum*.

Guidelines for Night and Ladies Programs

The members of Al-Farouk and senior Ulama of the country felt that a script should be prepared for this year's National Sahabah Jalsa, covering the biographies of Sayyiduna Ali and Sayyidah Fatimah *radiyallahu anhuma,* highlighting their virtues and achievements, as well as dispelling misconception and untruths about these noble personalities. This will ultimately secure the objective of the National Sahabah Jalsa i.e. to create love, honour, respect, and admiration for Sayyiduna Ali and Sayyidah Fatimah *radiyallahu anhuma* and all the Sahabah *radiyallahu anhum* in the hearts of both the speakers and listeners.

The script has been prepared and provided to the speakers. Our appeal to the esteemed speakers is to **study the script thoroughly and convey its message it to the listeners.** Let us try our utmost best to **cover all the main themes of discussion.** We do urge the speakers to **stick to the topic and script.** We should remember that the vision of Al-Farouk is for the program to be **primarily educational** and secondary inspirational.

The script has been sourced mainly from Shaikh Ali Muhammad al-Sallabi's book: *Ali ibn Abi Talib, his life and times*. We implore the speakers to kindly **study al-Sallabi's entire book.** Firstly, love and admiration for these honourable Companions will be developed in your heart and secondly, you will have a deeper and broader understanding of the themes discussed in the script which will enhance your presentation of the same.

Finally, we take this opportunity to thank you again for answering the call to defend the honour of the Sahabah *radiyallahu anhum* and promote their love. May Allah Ta'ala accept us all to promote the beliefs of the Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah.

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